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SUBJ: UNDP COUNTRY PROGRAM

REF: STATE 41152; OUAGADOUGOU A-87 OF 12/16/72; CERP-8

FOR JOINT STATE/ AID ACTION

1. SUMMARY: UNDP 1972-76 COUNTRY PROGRAM FOR UPPER VOLTA PROVIDES \$10.7 MILLION, INCLUDING \$3.7 MILLION IN FUNDS ALREADY EXPENDED OR COMMITTED AND \$7.0 MILLION FOR PROJECTS WHICH NOT YET FULLY APPROVED. PROGRAM REVISION IN MARCH 1973 IMPROVES FOCUS AND SECTORAL CONCENTRATION, ALTHOUGH PROGRAM STILL SOMEWHAT DIFFUSE AND SOME MARGINAL PROJECTS EXIST. PROGRAMMING PROCESS WORKING REASONABLY WELL, DESPITE WEAK VOLTAN COORDINATION, WITH GOOD LEADERSHIP BY RESREP AND ACTING RESREP. HOWEVER, THEY NEED BETTER UNDP/ NY SUPPORT IN TERMS FULL STAFFING PROGRAM POSITIONS. THIS CABLE UPDATES REFAIRGRAM, WHICH OTHERWISE STILL VALID.
2. DESCRIPTION. REVISED SECTOR DIVISION IS:
RURAL DEVELOPMENT, 38 PERCENT; NATURAL RESOURCES, 23 PERCENT;
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RESOURCES, 21 PERCENT; INDUSTRY, 15 PERCENT; INFRASTRUCTURE, 2 PERCENT; RESERVE, 1 PERCENT. THIS NEW SECTOR DEFINITION MAY FACILITATE FURTHER ELIMINATION MARGINAL PROJECTS IN 1977-81 PROGRAM. LEADING PROJECTS ARE: MATOURKOU AGRICULTURAL CENTER, \$1.8 MILLION; RURAL INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, \$560,000; STREOES INDEED CONTRIBUTE TO THE OVER- ALL LEVEL OF THE CEPS DEFICIT, OF WHICH WE PAY OVER 36 PCT.

2. WHILE WE AGREE WITH GENTILHOMME'S STATEMENT IN LAST CEPPC MEETING THAT THE DEFICIT OF THE SYSTEM IS NOT A PRIME CONSIDERATION IN NEGOTIATION OF CIVIL TARIFFS WHICH MUST BE PRINCIPALLY BASED ON COMPETITIVE CONSIDERATIONS, WE INTEND TO FOLLOW OUR INSTRUCTIONS IN AN ATTEMPT TO RAISE TARIFFS AS MUCH AS QTE TRAFFIC WILL BEAR UNQTE AND TO OPPOSE FRENCH PRACTICE OF COLLECTING PROFITS TAX ON AN OPERATION IN DEFICIT. WE WILL ENCOURAGE ANY MOVE BY GENTILHOMME OR GENERAL MANAGER TO PROPOSE REDUCTION OR ELIMINATION OF US SHARE OF CEPS DEFICIT, EITHER IN ADDITION TO MOVEMENT ON THE TAXES AND TARIFFS PROBLEMS OR IN LIEU OF SUCH MOVEMENT. RUMSFELD

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9. COORDINATION WITH OTHER DONORS. COORDINATION

WITH BILATERAL DONORS HAS IMPROVED NOTICEABLY IN PAST YEAR UNDER RESREP GANAO AND ACTING RESREP BAUMER. IN ADDITION, RESREP AND ACTING RESREP KEENLY AWARE OF NEED FOR BETTER COORDINATION PROGRAMS OF UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, AND MAKING EFFORTS ON THIS DIFFICULT TASK. HOWEVER, VIEW INDEPENDENCE THOSE PROGRAMS, WE WONDER TO WHAT EXTENT RESREPS WILL BE ABLE REORIENT THEM TOWARD PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT GOALS. OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT UNICEF, UNESCO, AND UNIDO IN PARTICULAR TEND HAVE PROJECTS WHICH MARGINAL FROM DEVELOPMENT VIEWPOINT.

10. ON OVER- ALL BASIS, EMBASSY CONSIDERS PRESENT UNDP PROGRAM SATISFACTORY AND CLEAR IMPROVEMENT OVER WHAT WENT BEFORE. COMMENTS ABOVE SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN AS CRITICAL OF UNDP PROGRAM PERSONNEL, WHO FULLY COGNIZANT PROBLEMS AND DO THEIR BEST WITH LIMITED PROGRAM STAFF. DEPT MAY WISH NUDGE UNDP ABOUT GAPS IN STAFFING THE THREE PROGRAM POSITIONS HERE; MAJOR PRESENT PROBLEM IS LACK NEW RESREP, BUT DURING PAST YEAR LONG GAPS HAVE EXISTED IN STAFFING DEPUTY RESREP AND PROGRAM OFFICER POSITIONS.

11. REVISED VERSION UNDP COUNTRY PROGRAM SHOULD BE OBTAINED FROM UNDP/ NEW YORK.
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